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REMARKS

The examiner rejected claims 1-2, 6, 11-12, and 16 were under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Roffe et al as evidenced by Benaron et al (USPN 5,807,261).

Claims 5, 7-8, 10 and 15 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roffe et al in view of Okawa et al (US 2002/0086264). Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roffe et al in view of Okawa et al as applied to claim 8 above, and further in view of Weissman (USPN 5,017,137). Claims 3-4 and 13-14 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

In response to the above rejections and objections, claims 1-2, 5-12 and 15-16 were cancelled, claim 3 was amended by incorporating the limitations of claim 1, and claim 13 was amended by incorporating limitations of claims 1, 7 and 8.

CONCLUSION

The applicant believes that the rejections and objections were obviated by the amendment of claims, and the application is now in condition for allowance: therefore, reexamination, reconsideration and allowance of the four (4) claims are respectively requested. If there are any additional comments or requirements from the examination, the applicant asks for a non-final office action.

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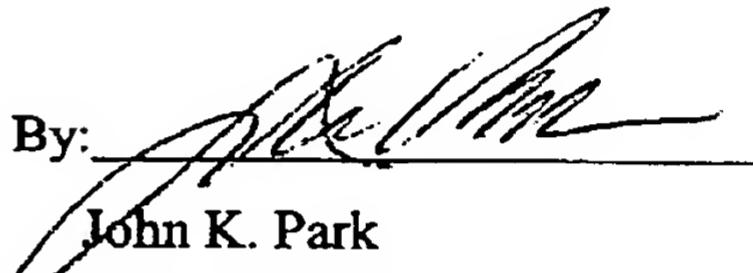
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Very truly yours,
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